of Rs. 750 to each specialists is working well. Normally DESU makes purchases of medicines after getting quotations through a regular system and on the recommendations of Medical Board and the Stores Purchase Committee. During the period, August to October 1985, for meeting the emergent requirements, the Chief Medical Officer placed order for purchase of medicines worth about Rs. 1.25 lakhs after the offers were received from the parties approved by the competent authority. Besides, medicines were also purchased from Super Bazar amounting to about Rs. 6 lakhs from August 1985 to 15th November, 1985 after following necessary procedure.

(e) and (f) Do not arise, in view of answer to part (d) above.

Manufacture of fake gas stove and regulators

2789. SHRI J.P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether manufacturers of gas stove and regulators are issued licences by Government;

(b) if so, whether Government are taking any action against the manufacturers with a view to checking the manufacturers of fake and inferior quality gas stove and regulators;

(c) if so, what are the details in regard thereto; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The Gas Stove Industry is reserved for development in the small scale sector. As such no applications for letters of intent/DGTD registrations are being considered. A licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 is required by units other than those in the small scale sector for manufacture of LPG regulators.

(b) Action in accordance with law can be taken in appropriate cases.

(c) and (d). Do not arise.

Denying interim relief to NHPC employees

2790. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain sections of National Hydel Power Corporation employees have so far been denied the payment of Interim Relief even though they are on Central Government Wage pattern; and

(b) if so, what is the justification for the deprivation of the Interim Relief?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b). The interim relief announced by the Central Government for its employees is not payable to the employees of Public Sector Enterprises, even though they may be following the Central DA pattern. However, employees of the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation in the pay scales upto and including Rs. 425—855 are being paid, as per Government policy, 'interim payment' to be adjusted against the pay revision of Industrial DA pattern, as they have opted for switching over to Industrial DA pattern.

The Officers' Association of the NHPC have filed a Writ Petition in the Supreme Court for continued payment of DA/ADA ad-hoc DA and interim relief at Central Government rates. In accordance with the interim orders of the Supreme Court, DA/ADA ad hoc DA has been paid to the executives, including superisors. The Supreme Court has not passed any orders regarding payment of interim relief to executives, including supervisors of the National Hydro Electric Power Corporation.

Agitation for non-payment of bonus to NHPC employees

2791. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that National Hydel Power Corportaion employees are agitating for the last two years

over the inordinate delay in sanctioning bonus/productivity linked bonus to them by its management;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) by when a final decision is expected to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) to (c). The National Hydro Electric Power Corporation have formulated an incentive scheme linked to power generation and project completion and the same is under consideration of Government.

Petro-chemical refinery projects

2792. SHRI JAGDISH JANI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to take up some petro-chemical refinery projects during the Seventh Five year Plan;

(b) if so, which are the petro-chemical refineries proposed to be started during the above plan period;

(c) the cost of each of those projects; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) to (d) The Government of India is exploring the possibility of setting up the Mangalore Refinery as a Joint Venture either as a 6 Million Tonnes Refinery or with an initial capacity of 3 Million Tonnes alongwith a Naphtha cracker which could meet the growing need of a petro-chemical industry in the Country.

Depending upon the product pattern, the cost will vary from Rs. 900 crores to Rs. 1200 crores.

Apart from the above, there is no other proposal to take up a Petro-chemical refinery Project during the seventh five Year Plan.

Power crisis in Orissa

2793. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the power crisis in Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to remove power crisis in the State;

(c) the major power projects proposed to be extended in Orissa as a step towards removing power crisis; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d). In order to increase power availability in the State, Orissa is being assisted by neighbouring States like Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh to the extent possible. As a long term measure, additional generating capacity of 483.5 MW is programmed to be commissioned during the Seventh Plan period.

In addition, Orissa would also get benefit of 31 MW from Chukha Hydel Project of Bhutan (4x84 MW) and share of 75 MW from the Farakka STPS, Stage-I (3×210 MW) when these units are commissioned in the Seventh Plan.

Besides, Central assistance is being provided to modernise and renovate the Talcher thermal power station.

2794. [Transferred to the 17th December, 1985.]

Electrification of villages in Allahabad Mirzapur and Varanasi

2795. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Allahabad, Mirzapur and Varanasi (district-wise) in Uttar Pradesh which have not been electrified so far;

(b) by when they are likely to be electrified; and